

May 27, 2005

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of P. Habermann Application No. 10/076,632 Filed February 19, 2002

Art Unit 1652 Examiner D. Steadman Confirmation No. 2603

Nucleic Acids, Proteins and Processes Thereof Such as Use of Fusion Proteins Whose N-terminal Part is a Hirudin Derivative for the Production of Recombinant Proteins via Secretion by Yeasts

(Atty. Docket No. P 30,612 USA)

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PETITION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

It is requested hereby that the time to respond to the Office Action of November 29, 2004 be extended three months, from February 28, 2005 to May 31, 2005 (the first

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1020.00 DP -200.00 DP federal business day following May 29, 2005).

Form PTO-2038 is enclosed in payment for the extension fee. If there is any error in the fee due, please charge or credit the difference to Deposit Account No. 19-5425. A duplicate of this Petition is attached.

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